withdraw. I cannot now ask the Government Member to make any further reply.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I am satisfied with the opinion.

Deputy President.—Then do you withdraw the resolution?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I do.

The resolution was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. P. S. Keswan Nambudiri being absent the resolution standing in his name was considered withdrawn.

6. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. എസ്സ്". കേശവൻനമ്പൂതിരി.—തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലെ കോൾനിലങ്ങളിൽ കൂട്ടാടൻ കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നതിനെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിപ്പാൻവേണ്ടി പുഞ്ചകൃഷി ചെയ്തുവരുന്ന നിലങ്ങളിൽ കൂട്ടാടൻ പണി ചെയ്യുന്നതായാൽ അതുകളുടെ അക്കൊല്ലത്തെ നികുതി കൂട്ടാടൻ കൊയ്ത്തുകാലത്തേക്കുമാറ്റി കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള ഈ സഭാവമ്പെണ്ടിനോട് ശിപാർശി ചെയ്യുന്നു.

Deputy President.—The next resolution stands in the name of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :—

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I do not move it.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

7. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to reserve 50 per cent of the posts in the Lower Secondary Department of the State Educational Service to undergraduate teachers of approved service and stop the appointment of graduates to the said Department till the above percentage is reached*".

8. College extension Scheme.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I rise to move, "that this Council recommends to the Government to defer spending any money on the Ernakulam College extension scheme, until a comprehensive and detailed estimate and cost of the whole scheme is prepared".

I may at the very outset say that my object is not to place any impediment in the progress of the work at Ernakulam. I am not foolish enough to think that I can by means of this resolution stop the hands of the Government. But I really want to know what the actual cost of the Ernakulam College Extension Scheme is, in the interests of that scheme itself. I wanted the Government to have a comprehensive and detailed estimate of the whole scheme showing the ultimate cost. I sent a series of questions on it. The Government were pleased to say that the preparation of the estimates and the cost reports are only in progress. My position is that the public of Cochin is entitled to know what the Government is going to spend on such a big scheme as this. Apart from that, in the interest of the very scheme itself, I beg to submit that it is highly desirable that we should know what the ultimate expenditure of it will be,

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Those who were members in the last Council will please remember that one of the main grounds taken against Ramavarmapuram Scheme in this Council was that they were going to spend too big an amount on that scheme, and that the extension could be had with a very small amount at Ernakulam. So much so, in answer to one of my questions, the Government itself said that the main consideration which weighed with them in re-considering the whole question was the financial aspect of it. A Committee was appointed and a report came. I do not want to go into its details. According to the Committee's report the cost of the extension scheme came to 11 lakhs of rupees or some where about it. Subsequently Mr. Dann was requested to scrutinise it and the whole scheme was changed. And then there were the recommendations of the University. The University also made certain suggestions and placed certain conditions, so much so, except for the fact that the extension is going to be at Ernakulam, I do not think that the present scheme, if there is a comprehensive scheme, resembles the original scheme in any way. So we come to this position. The Council voted for a particular scheme. The scheme that is going to be worked out is according to me, completely a different one. The pity of it is that the Government in this case does not seem to be very anxious about the financial aspect of the question. It has not made a comprehensive cost report. You heard from the Hon'ble Member for Education that even the places that they propose to acquire for the play-grounds and other purposes, have not yet been decided upon. The value of the lands depends upon its site and the buildings that stand on it. So far as I know, the Government have not a definite scheme and the Government have not yet tried to work out the cost of their scheme. In all big schemes like this, the practice of responsible Governments, is that they prepare the cost report first before they launch upon it.

I therefore request the Government by means of this resolution to prepare a comprehensive scheme and make the public understand what it is and what it will cost. Otherwise they will be putting themselves to the attack subsequently by the Council that it never thought that the Government would have to spend so much money on this and the risk of refusing any further grants. What then will be the result? The University Authorities in their order definitely say as follows: "(2) The Syndicate regards the scheme now put forward as an entire and indivisible whole and will require its complete execution before the restriction now imposed on the college can be relaxed in any way". It is this order that made me table this resolution. So

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we must be very careful and the public also should be made to understand what the cost of the scheme is. I do not want the Government to stop the work. They can very easily prepare a scheme. They can depute a special officer for preparing the necessary estimates. With these few words I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.—ഞാൻ ഈ നിശ്ചയത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു വലിയ പ്രസംഗമൊന്നും ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നതോന്നുന്നില്ല. ഇതു് ഗവൺമെൻറു മുമ്പുചെയ്തിരുന്ന ഒരു മറയെ ആണു് പറയുന്നതു്. എന്തെങ്കിലും ഒരു കെട്ടിടമുണ്ടാക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനു മുൻകൂട്ടി ഒരു എസ്റ്റിമേറു് ഉണ്ടാക്കി അതിനു എത്ര ചിലവുവരുമെന്നു തീച്ചയാക്കി, അതിനുശേഷമാണു് പണിതുടങ്ങുക. ഇതു സാധാരണ എല്ലാ രാജ്യത്തിലും എല്ലാ ഗവൺമെൻറുകളും ചെയ്തുവരുന്ന ഒരു കാര്യമാണു്. അതിനാൽ അപ്രകാരം ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു ഒരു എസ്റ്റിമേറുണ്ടാക്കി, എത്ര ചിലവുവരുമെന്നു തീച്ചയാക്കിയതിൻറെശേഷം കെട്ടിടം വച്ചുതുടങ്ങുവാൻ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടില്ല. അതിലേയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാൻ ബലമായി പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഇതു് ഗവൺമെൻറിൽ നിന്നും എതിർക്കയില്ല എന്നാണു് വിചാരിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—On a point of information, may I know if any estimate has been prepared for the probable cost of the whole undertaking?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This Council voted on this question on the basis of the College Committee's Report which stated that the cost of the scheme will be somewhere near 11 lakhs. That scheme was scrutinised by Mr. Dann, and he made a good deal of alterations in its details. It was submitted to the University Syndicate for their approval. They have given their approval to the scheme and from what I have been able to gather from these details, I don't think that the cost of the scheme will in any manner be greatly increased. The estimate for the science blocks cost about 3,40,000 and we are on sure grounds in that respect. The other college educational buildings will be probably for History, Economics and Mathematics. There also, the plans have been approved by the University Syndicate and from what we know of the cost of science blocks, we can easily calculate the cost of constructing these also. Then there are the hostels. We are going to provide accommodation for 140 students more. It will cost a lakh and 50 thousand. Similarly I have worked out the cost report for other items. What I say is that we are on sure grounds now about the cost. I do not think therefore that there is any necessity to wait and prepare an elaborate scheme for all these detailed works before

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we start construction. We shall be, by so doing, only losing a season, and probably the college scheme will have to be delayed for another year. And since the University Syndicate are asking us to submit to them half-yearly statements of progress, we do not want them to feel that we are not very enthusiastic about the scheme and that we are not progressing as promptly as one could wish.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Am I to understand the member to mean that the whole outlay would cost not more than 12 lakhs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We feel we have a complete scheme at present and approved by the University Syndicate. So far as that scheme goes, the cost will not exceed much over 12 lakhs.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What do you mean by the word 'present'; so, that we may understand. It is a very elastic word. It may mean 20 years, it may mean 50 years. So that we may know, if next year you finish 12 lakhs and come forward for more, would the word 'present' protect you from an attack in this House. What do you mean by 'present'?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If they don't want more space than already provided for in our scheme, the cost will not be increased. In case, however, they want some more space, for instance, Botany and Philosophy for B. A. or some such thing for which we have not made provision, the cost will naturally increase.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Therefore, it is only for these 3 departments that this 11 lakhs is included, not for a complete college in the sense in which it was understood in the beginning. We were given to understand that you were incurring the expenditure for a complete First Grade College. Nothing was mentioned about Botany being exempted. Therefore this 12 lakhs is exclusive of the Botanical department? Is it not so?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was clearly given in the College Committee Report.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I don't care a twopence for the College Committee's Report. I am not concerned with the College Committee's Report. I do not attach any importance to it, to be frank. I know the reason why I should not attach. I have explained no self-respecting man should attach any importance to that report. You said 12 lakhs will be the cost. Is it for the complete cost of the college, as was understood in the case of Anappara? Government had certain conceptions about the Anappara College and they had a scheme of expenditure. Now the Government say it will cost 12 lakhs. Do you include

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all the departments that you included in Anappara—what we would have got for 17 lakhs at Anappara? It is for the comparison that I question.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Both the schemes are different. Anappara scheme was a fully residential college. There was accommodation for 100 girls and 400 boys. But here we have provided only for 200 boys and 40 girls. Similarly the provision for Botany B. A. and Philosophy. Certain subjects which are included there were not included here. The cost of 12 lakhs is as per the plan as approved by the University Syndicate.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Therefore this 12 lakhs is for the construction of a college which is smaller, which affords lesser accommodation than the one at Anappara?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Therefore it would be incorrect to compare the expenditure of both the places.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So that we would like to know whether this 12 lakhs at Ernakulam represents the same 17 lakhs at Anappara. I think I have made myself clear.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't think it does.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Sir, May I know whether any amount has been spent already in furtherance of the college extension scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Tenders have been placed for and have been received. They are being adjudicated.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it possible to defer spending money without getting estimates now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The land acquisition is over. About Rs. 68,000 has been already spent.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Even supposing that the question of the location of the First Grade College has subsided, for the time being, this House certainly objects to uncontrolled expenditure in this behalf so that Government should not go on with the extension of the college, before preparing an acceptable estimate. The Council has often protested against Departmental action in anticipation of sanction. We are supposed to have the control over the finances of the State, and over the expenditure, in particular. Therefore, the principle of this resolution commends itself very much to me and I support it, because you launch the scheme without any definite idea as to the probable amount that may have to be spent for the purpose, whatever be the scheme, that is going to be taken up.

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Whether it be the scheme suggested by the College Committee or Mr. Dann, this House is entitled to know before-hand what things are going to be done, how they are going to be done and what the probable cost of the scheme would be. I therefore strongly support this resolution.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—If the Government is willing to accept this resolution, why should we speak?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, no. We cannot accept it.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിലെ നിശ്ചയം ഗവൺമെൻറ് അംഗീകരിക്കാതെ ഇതിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നതുപോലെ മയ്യാദകേട വേറെയാതൊന്നും ഇല്ല. ആനപ്പാറയിൽ കോളേജ് സ്ഥാപിക്കണമെന്നൊ, എറണാകുളത്തു കോളേജ് വേണ്ടെന്നൊ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിൽ കാണുന്നില്ല. വളരെ സംഖ്യ ചിലവാക്കി കോളേജിനുള്ള കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ കെട്ടുവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറ് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു. ഈ വിഷയത്തിലേക്കു ഒട്ടാകെ എത്രസംഖ്യ കൃത്യമായി വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനുതന്നെ നിശ്ചയമില്ല. ഏതാണ്ടു ലക്ഷം രൂപ ആനപ്പാറയിൽ കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ കെട്ടുന്നതായാൽ വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ സംഖ്യ അധികമാണെന്നും കോളേജ് എറണാകുളത്തുതന്നെ സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതായാൽ ചിലവു കുറയുമെന്നും മുമ്പു വാദിച്ചിട്ടുമുണ്ട്. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു എറണാകുളത്ത് കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾക്കും മറ്റുമായി എത്ര രൂപ വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു ഒരു എസ്റ്റിമെറ് തയ്യാറാക്കിനോക്കി, ആനപ്പാറയിൽ ചിലവിടുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ച സംഖ്യയിൽ ഒട്ടും കുറവു എറണാകുളത്തുണ്ടാകയില്ലെന്നു വാദിച്ചുവരെ ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതായ ഒരു കടമ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനുണ്ടു്. ഇന്നും ഞങ്ങൾക്കു് അതുതന്നെയാണു് അഭിപ്രായം. ആനപ്പാറയെന്നും എറണാകുളമെന്നും ഉള്ള കക്ഷിമത്സരം വിട്ടു ന്യായംമാത്രം നോക്കിയാലും ഞങ്ങൾ വാദിക്കുന്നതിൽ വളരെ ന്യായമുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു സമ്മതിക്കാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തുള്ള ജനപ്രതിനിധികളിൽ ചിലർ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതിനെ തീരെ തള്ളികളഞ്ഞു് എത്രതന്നെ സംഖ്യ ചിലവാക്കുന്നതിനും യാതൊരു എസ്റ്റിമെറും വേണ്ട, ഒട്ടാകെ എത്ര ചിലവുവരുമെന്നു മുൻകൂട്ടി അറിഞ്ഞു് നാട്ടുകാരെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടിപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ട, ഇപ്പോൾ സംഗതിവശാൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ഭൂരിപക്ഷം സിദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു ഇവരുടെ ആക്ഷേപം സ്വീകാരയോഗ്യമല്ല എന്നും മറ്റും ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ധരിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഇതിലും വലിയ മയ്യാദകേടു് വേറെ എന്തെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടൊ? പരമാർത്ഥത്തിൽ നിങ്ങൾ ജനപ്രതിനിധികളായ ഞങ്ങളെ അപമാനിക്കുകയല്ലെ? ഭൂരിപക്ഷം മാത്രം നോക്കിയല്ല ഇന്നത്തെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ തീർപ്പു് എന്നു നിങ്ങൾതന്നെ പ്രവൃത്തികൊണ്ടു് ഞങ്ങളെ ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടു

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ത്തീട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥിതിക്കു ന്യായം ഏതാണെന്നു നോക്കി പ്രവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതായ കടമ നിങ്ങൾക്കില്ലെ? ആനുപ്രായത്തിൽ ഫൈ ലക്ഷം രൂപ ചിലവിടുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു എന്തെല്ലാം സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ അവിടെ ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും എറണാകുളത്ത് അതേ സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു എന്തു ചിലവു വരുമെന്നും നോക്കി ഞങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതു് തെറ്റാണെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങളെ ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയും, നിങ്ങൾക്കാണു് തെറ്റുപറ്റീട്ടുള്ളതെങ്കിൽ അതിനെ സമ്മതിച്ചു് ശരിയായ വഴിക്കു നാട്ടുകാരുടെ പണം ചിലവിടുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ചുമതലയല്ലെ? ഒരു കാര്യത്തിലും വാശി നന്നല്ല. നിങ്ങൾ പറയുന്നമാതിരി തന്നെയാണു് എസ്റ്റിമെറ്റുണ്ടാക്കിയാലും കാൺകയെങ്കിൽ എന്തിനാണു് ന്യായമായ വഴിവിട്ടു് നടന്ന ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആക്ഷേപത്തിനു പാത്രമായി തീരുന്നതു്? എറണാകുളത്തു് ഇപ്പോൾ ഉദ്ദേശം ഫൈ ലക്ഷം രൂപ മതിയാകുമെന്നാണല്ലൊ പറയുന്നതു്. ഈ ഫൈ ലക്ഷം ചിലവിട്ടു് ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന കാളേജിൽ ൨൦൦ കുട്ടികൾക്കു താമസിക്കുവാൻ മാത്രമെ ഏർപ്പാടുള്ളു എന്നും ഫൈ ലക്ഷം ആനുപ്രായത്തിൽ ചിലവിടുവാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചതു് ൩൦൦ കുട്ടികൾക്കു താമസിക്കുവാൻ സൌകര്യപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതിലേക്കാണെന്നും നിങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നുതന്നെ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു മനസ്സിലായതുകൊണ്ടും ഇതുപോലെ പലേ മാറ്റങ്ങളും ഇനിയും ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശമുണ്ടെന്നുഹിക്കാവുന്നതുകൊണ്ടുമാണു് ഞങ്ങൾ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ അംഗീകരിക്കണമെന്നു നിങ്ങളോടപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതു്. ന്യായമായ വഴിക്കു ജനങ്ങളെ തൃപ്തിപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ കഴിയുമെങ്കിൽ അന്യായവും ആക്ഷേപാർഹവുമായ വഴിക്കു പോകുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു യാതൊരു പ്രയോജനവും ഇല്ല. ഞങ്ങൾ എത്രവാദിച്ചാലും നിങ്ങൾക്കു തോന്നിയപോലെ പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുവാൻ അധികാരമുണ്ടു്. നിങ്ങളുടെ ഇഷ്ടപ്രകാരമെ നിങ്ങൾ പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുകയുള്ളു എന്നും ഞങ്ങൾക്കറിയാം. പക്ഷെ നിങ്ങളുടെ ന്യായരഹിതമായ പ്രവൃത്തികളെപ്പറ്റി ആക്ഷേപിക്കുവാനും ശരിയായ മാർഗ്ഗം കാണിച്ചു തരുവാനും ചിലരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു എന്നു് നമ്മുടെ പിൻഗാമികളെങ്കിലും ധരിക്കുവാനും എത്രതന്നെ ന്യായം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടും അനുസരിക്കാത്ത മനഃസ്ഥിതിയായിരുന്നു ഇന്നത്തെ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനെന്നു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയും മാത്രമാണു് ഞങ്ങൾ ഇത്രയും ബദ്ധപ്പെട്ടു് ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി പ്രസംഗിക്കുന്നതു്". നിങ്ങളുടെ ഇഷ്ടം പോലെ ചെയ്യുക.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I am perfectly prepared to satisfy all the Members here as to the cost of construction in Ernakulam. I could give you in serial order the works that we are going to take up here and also their probable cost, from which you will see the cost will not greatly exceed about

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Rs.12,00,000. These details of work have been fully approved by the University Syndicate. It is true that complete detailed estimates for all the works have not been prepared. But we have prepared estimates for more than 50 per cent of the works and only small and unimportant works remain to be estimated for. I am prepared to show that our main estimate of 12 lakhs will not at all exceed when our present proposals are being carried out in full. I am in a position to give you an idea of the works that we are going to take up.

Acquisition of 25 acres of play grounds at Rs.7,500 per acre. The present proposal is to acquire the major portion of the play grounds between the Chittur Road, Hospital Road and the Thirumala Devaswam Road. Then the value of the existing buildings in that block, I put it at Rs. 20,000 roughly.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—25 acres you are going to acquire for Rs. 20,000.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—They are mostly marshy swamps.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is why I have included some amount for reclamation charges. I put it at Rs. 35,000. Then gymnasium for men, I put it at about Rs. 12,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Rs. 35,000 for the reclamation of 25 acres!

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—All the 25 acres may not require reclamation.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you tell me how many acres roughly?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—13 or 14 acres. Then I have provided for an undergraduate club-house and also for play grounds. Then hostels for boys. I have included about a lakh and 40 thousand rupees.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Accommodation for how many?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—140 boys. Then hostel for girls. I put it at about Rs. 75,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—For how many?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For 40 girls.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Very expensive!!

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They have to be provided with better rooms and better accommodation. Then I have provided for gymnasium for girls and playing fields for them about Rs. 10,000. Rather a very generous estimate. Drainage works like sewage, etc., another Rs. 10,000. Then sick room for boys with 4 beds and for girls 2 beds, I have provided about Rs. 5,000. Then the college blocks. Educational

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buildings, construction of science blocks 3,40,000. Then History, Logic, etc., a lakh and 20 thousand rupees. Raising of the Lower Secondary School and extending it, I put an estimate of Rs. 75,000. In the old Committee's report it was noted as about Rs. 30,000. The requirements are much more. I am providing for 20,000 more for land acquisition for the High School, two acres will be necessary. Then the acquisition of the Thottekkat and Raja Rama Rao's buildings, Rs. 69,000 which we have already paid. Then for the shifting of water reservoir I have put Rs. 60,000. Then for the cost of electric installation, I have provided Rs. 50,000. If you add them all up you will find that it will not be much more than 12 lakhs.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—It will be 14,00,000 when totalled up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We ought to deduct about 10 per cent. Our estimates are 10 per cent more than the actual cost. If you add it up it will not come to much more than 12 lakhs.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any tender reduction in the Anappara estimate? Did you make any calculation? In fairness it ought to be included.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are not comparing.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—For our information we are comparing.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If the Member has any doubt as to the sufficiency of the conveniences or of the construction, I would like to hear.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You have not included the Botanical Department.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For the Natural Science Block, we have provided for a lakh and 75 thousand rupees.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is the Botanical Department included in the scheme?

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon.—Botany as a subsidiary subject is included. As a main subject it is not included.

Deputy President.—The Hon'ble Member must resume his seat before the Hon'ble Member answers.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is what I am led to think by the University Syndicate Report.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to give us a definite answer? I say the Director of Public Instruction as Head of the Department, ought to know this, whether this Department is included or not.

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—The question was answered by my Hon'ble friend and I found no different answer to give. That is why I did not want to get up. Botany as a main subject for B. A. is not provided.

Dr. A. R. **Menon.**—I suppose this was iucluded in the Anappara Scheme.

Deputy President.—This is not question time. You will have to speak on the resolution. At this rate the whole day will have to be lost for this. Any Member wishing to speak on the resolution?

Dr. A. R. **Menon.**—With due deference, it has been the customs of this House for the last seven years to ask questions for information in order to avoid unnecessary debate. You were also present here and I have not known the new rule whereby members are prevented from doing so. If it is so, I apologise to the Chair.

Deputy President.—If members are allowed to put questions like this, they will only take much time of the House for unnecessary talk.

Dr. A. R. **Menon.**—With due deference, I take exception to the word 'unnecessary'. It was absolutely necessary to get this information for carrying on the debate.

Deputy President.—Those who want to speak may speak.

Dr. A. R. **Menon.**—Sir, the object of this resolution was to find out the actual commitment of the Government. We were able to some extent to ascertain from the Government that the bill that they present now is not the final bill. They have omitted certain things and reduced the amount, so as not to create any fear in the minds of the Members of this House. It will be more honourable and more honest to come forward and tell us that we decided for various reasons to have the college at Ernakulam and since the majority of this Council, no matter how the majority is formed, since a majority has voted for the location of this college here, we are presenting a bill for 20 lakhs. More honourable course. What do you do? You omit certain items, you reduce the accommodation for the hostel and though you do not allow us to make a comparison, pretend that 11 lakhs at Ernakulam is equal to spending 17 lakhs at Anappara. That was the attempt made and it is only after persistently putting a number of questions, we were able to drag out from you one after another, most unwillingly, the confessions that everything is not fair and above board. I am sorry to say that. It was I who remarked, when the Government said that it would cost 8 to 10 lakhs for Anappara, 20 lakhs, because you may not be able to complete the college

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with that amount. There is no harm in asking a larger sum. But it is certainly very harmful if you come here and ask for a smaller amount and spend more. I remember very well, it is on the point of sentiment that the Head of the Department delivered a valedictory address in the Ernakulam College. Apart from other considerations which I took no exception, we were always saying by transferring the college, by spending the same amount we will get double the conveniences, and also it is good for future development. That was the point we were trying to place before the Government. We always admitted that it should be clearly understood that it is sentiment apart from every canon of comparison, every test, no matter who comes forward. That would be put forward by the educational experts in all principles. My Hon'ble friend is no more competent to speak on it. I bow to his knowledge in legal matters. But with due deference to him I attach no importance whatsoever to his opinion. That was a packed committee. No self respecting man will look on that report. I protested in this House many a time. The first time with the existence of this Council we have got a packed committee to give you certain decisions which you have already come to. Is there any surprise that people sometimes lose their temper. If we are human beings, when people see that they are being fooled, they must lose their temper. Otherwise he is a Mahatma or he is a damn fool. As we are neither the one nor the other, we lose our temper. Let the Government come forward honourably and with boldness and courage say that the amount for the Ernakulam College is 20 lakhs. We have made a mistake, gentlemen, in our calculation. We have made another mistake, in shifting the College to Ernakulam. There is no harm. Why not have the moral courage to come and say instead of having these little tricks and instead of omitting certain things and reducing this amount.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—What is the trick here?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I will explain to you. I will give you in detail if you like. As I said we were made to understand that the same institution in the same complete form costs 11 lakhs here or 12 lakhs which costs 16 or 17 lakhs at Anappara. That was the impression that the Government tried to create upon the public mind, of course with sentiment added on to it that the college ought to be here, though we raise objections. What is it that you do. You omit department after department and reduce the number of accommodation and come forward and say 'just see how clever we are. What clever people we are to manage with 11 lakhs where the other Government could

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have spent 17 lakhs.' I hope the Leader of the House understands, because I am surprised, that shrewd as he is, he was not able to find out or understand this simple fact. The only thing is that those who try to fool us always pretend that they have no such intention. But it is so simple. You yourselves know that. The Hon'ble Member for Engineering had very great difficulty to answer my question. I asked a plain question 'have you got a Botany department?' You give a clear answer to a clear question. Why not you give a definite answer. No, we are not going to have a botanical Department for graduates. Now, Sir, you may have a college at Ernakulam. There are certain victories which are worse than failures and I honestly and most sincerely believe that this is one of those. You will be sorry for the work you have undertaken. You will be more sorry for what you do hereafter. The tendency is seen that there is scarcity of sites here. Within 5 years you will find you have made a miscalculation. We did not agree, we cann't help it. We cannot prevent you. Wilful people can never be prevented. No use appealing to people who are unwilling to listen to reason or who are unwilling to meet the argument, but blindly say, no, no. What is the use of arguing to such people. But we are interested in seeing that a second foolish act is not undertaken, that public money is not spent unnecessarily. Which is the bill, what actually will be the cost, that is the only reason why this resolution is brought forward. Let us have, if you please, a clear understanding of your commitment, the amount that you require for a complete First Grade College as you and I understand.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—ആനപ്പാറക്കക്ഷി വീണ്ടുംവീണ്ടും നടത്തുന്ന ശക്തിയായ വാദങ്ങൾക്കു സമാധാനം പറയാതെ മിണ്ടാതിരുന്നാൽ ഞങ്ങൾ അവരുടെ വാദത്തോടു യോജിച്ചു എന്നു തെറ്റിദ്ധാരണയുണ്ടാകാൻ ഇടയുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ നിശ്ചയത്തെ എതിർത്തു സംസാരിക്കാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്. വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ആനപ്പാറക്കക്ഷിയുടെ മക്കടമുഷ്ടി വാദത്തിനു സമാധാനം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടു് ഫലമില്ല. കാളേജു പണിക്കുള്ള ചിലവിന്റെ കണക്കു തിട്ടമായറിയാത്തതിലുള്ള വ്യസനംകൊണ്ടൊന്നുമല്ല ഈ നിശ്ചയം കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളതും. കാളേജുപണി തുടങ്ങാതെ തടയാനുള്ള ഒരു ടിക്ക്മാത്രമാണിതു. ഇപ്പോൾ എറണാകുളത്തു നടത്താൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കാളേജു പണിയുടെ ചിലവ് ഏകദേശമെങ്കിലും ഗവൺമെൻറ് പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. ആനപ്പാറക്കക്ഷിക്കു അതുപോരാ. ആനപ്പാറ പണിയാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതിനു കാളേജാണൊ എറണാകുളത്തു പണിയാൻ പോകുന്നതെ

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ന്നും കൂടി അവർക്കറിയണം. ആനപ്പാറ പണിയാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചമാതിരി കാളേജു എറണാകുളത്തു പണിതാൽ ആനപ്പാറ വരുന്നതിലും ചിലവുകൂടുമെന്നു സ്ഥാപിക്കാനാണു അവരുടെശ്രമം. അതു ശരിയല്ലെന്നു ആരും പറയുന്നില്ല. ആനപ്പാറ വരുന്നതിലും അധികം ചിലവായാലും എറണാകുളത്താണു കാളേജു വേണ്ടതു. രാജ്യത്തെ ആകെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യം മുതലായ സംഗതികളും വെച്ചുനോക്കിയാൽ അതു ആരും സമ്മതിക്കുന്നതാണു. ഞാൻ ഈ നിശ്ചയത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു.

The House rose for the day at 5 P. M.

C. J. MATHEW,
Secretary to the Council.

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